



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

CALIFORNIA DIVISION

980 Ninth Street, Suite 400

Sacramento, CA. 95814-2724

November 29, 2002

IN REPLY REFER TO

**HDA-CA**

**File #: 1040.2 SANDAG**

**Document #: 40850**

Mr. Jeff Morales, Director  
California Department of Transportation  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

**SUBJECT: SANDAG 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 4**

We have completed our review of Amendment No 4 to the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG's) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated November 25, 2002. This amendment proposes to add a grouped project listing in the Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for recreational trail projects in the San Diego metropolitan area. The added listing is funded with \$456,000 of title 23 USC funding available to California through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administered Recreational Trails Program. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2003-17 on November 22, 2002, approving this FTIP modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

We find that the subject amendment to the SANDAG Federal Transportation Improvement Program was developed through a process in accord with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and Chapter 53 of 49 U.S.C. Based on our review of the proposed program modification to the 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP, we are approving the FSTIP programming addition for the recreational trails grouped project listing in the SANDAG region. The projects included in the FTIP/FSTIP by this program amendment are exempt from the requirements to determine conformity pursuant to 40 CFR 93.126. The FHWA is providing this approval in accordance with the procedures outlined in the joint FHWA/FTA Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP amendments dated March 8, 1996. Our planning and conformity findings have been coordinated with the regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Transit Administration.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Wade Hobbs*

For

Gary N. Hamby

Division Administrator

cc:

Karina O'Connor, EPA Region IX

Hymie Luden, FTA Region IX

SANDAG FTIP Binder

Sookyung Kim, SANDAG

Caltrans:

Federal Resources Branch, Dick Petrie

✓ Abjit Bagde, HQ Transportation Programming (FAX: 916-654-2738) ✓

Terry Abbott, Office of Local Programs,